

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SECTOR LAKE MICHIGAN



PLAN OF THE WEEK

12 May 2008

Quote of the Week

I extend my deepest gratitude to our Armed Forces and first responders serving both at home and abroad in the war against terrorism.

John Doolittle

Sector Calendar of Events

12-13 May	VADM Pekoske Visit
12-16 May	CDR Murtagh on Leave
15 May	Captain Jones at Chicago Mayor's Armed Forces Lunch (Union League, Chicago)
16 May	Milwaukee Armed Forces Week Golf Tournament
16 May	Captain Jones at Plum & Pilot Island Transfer to USFWS Ceremony (Washington Island)

Welcome

DC3 Stephen Sanchez from DC "A" School

Fair Winds and Following Seas

MST3 Chris Spurgin - RELAD

NEW HOUSING WEBSITE

Coastie Realtor is a full service Real Estate brokerage that focuses on serving the men and women of the United States Coast Guard during PCS moves. It can be reached at: <http://www.coastierealtor.com/home.html>

2008 HOUSEHOLD GOODS (HHG) SHIPPING SEASON

1. A SUCCESSFUL MOVE IS NOT A MATTER OF CHANCE; IT REQUIRES PLANNING AND PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT. TO FULLY UNDERSTAND HHG SHIPPING AND STORAGE ENTITLEMENTS, COUNSELING IS ESSENTIAL. MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPMENT OF HHG WITH THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SINCE REQUESTED DATES ARE NOT GUARANTEED, THE EARLIER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE, THE MORE LIKELY THAT TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROVIDERS (TSP) CAN ACCOMMODATE THE PACKING/PICKUP DATES REQUESTED. THE ACTUAL SCHEDULED DATES SHOULD BE CONFIRMED WITH THE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE PRIOR TO SELLING A HOUSE OR CANCELLING A RENTAL AGREEMENT.

2. THE PAMPHLET, **IT'S YOUR MOVE**, CONTAINS GUIDANCE ABOUT SHIPPING HHG. THIS PAMPHLET AND OTHER USEFUL HHG INFORMATION INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS ON FILING HHG DAMAGE CLAIMS IS AVAILABLE AT

[HTTP://WWW.FINCEN.USCG.MIL/HHG.HTM](http://www.fincen.uscg.mil/hhg.htm). THE FOLLOWING SITES PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HHG TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION, [HTTP://WWW.USCG.MIL/HQ/G-W/G-WP/G-WPM/G-WPM-2/TRANSPORTATION.HTM](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/g-wpm/g-wpm-2/transportation.htm), [HTTP://AFMOVE.HQ.AF.MIL](http://afmove.hq.af.mil) AND [HTTP://WWW.SDDC.ARMY.MIL](http://www.sddc.army.mil).

3. WHEN PLANNING YOUR SHIPMENT(S), AVOID POTENTIAL EXCESS COSTS. THE MOST COMMON EXCESS COST IS EXCEEDING THE AUTHORIZED WEIGHT ALLOWANCE. TO REDUCE THIS LIKELIHOOD, DISPOSE OF UNWANTED ITEMS AND IDENTIFY PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND EQUIPMENT (SEE PARA. 4). A USEFUL HHG WEIGHT ESTIMATOR TOOL IS AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://AFMOVE.HQ.AF.MIL](http://afmove.hq.af.mil). IN ADDITION, THE TSP WILL ESTIMATE THE WEIGHT OF YOUR HHG SHIPMENT DURING THE PRE-MOVE SURVEY. AFTER THE HHG HAVE BEEN PICKED UP BY THE TSP, CONTACT THE ORIGIN TRANSPORTATION OFFICE FOR THE ACTUAL CERTIFIED WEIGHT OF THE HHG, AND IF THE WEIGHT EXCEEDS THE AUTHORIZED WEIGHT ALLOWANCE, REQUEST A REWEIGH AND ASK THE ORIGIN TRANSPORTATION OFFICE FOR ADVICE.

4. ONLY ITEMS PRESENTLY USED IN THE DIRECT PERFORMANCE OF YOUR OFFICIAL DUTIES CAN BE CLAIMED AS PROFESSIONAL BOOKS, PAPERS AND EQUIPMENT, ALSO KNOWN AS PRO-GEAR. THESE ITEMS DO NOT COUNT AS PART OF THE HHG WEIGHT ALLOWANCE. PRO-GEAR MUST BE DECLARED AT ORIGIN BY PROVIDING A WEIGHT ESTIMATION OF THE PRO-GEAR TO THE HHG COUNSELOR TO ENTER ON THE APPLICATION FOR SHIPMENT OR STORAGE, DD FORM 1299.

MBRS MUST ENSURE THAT PRO-GEAR IS IDENTIFIED AS SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ANNOTATED AS SUCH ON THE TSP INVENTORY SHEET. BY REGULATION, A MBR CANNOT DECLARE PRO-GEAR AFTER THE FACT TO REDUCE OVERWEIGHT SHIPMENTS. BOOK CASES, DESKS, FILE CABINETS, TOOL BOXES, CERTIFICATES AND PLAQUES (UNLESS AN OFFICIAL AWARD) ARE NOT PRO-GEAR. PRO-GEAR ARE ITEMS THAT WILL BE USED AT YOUR NEW DUTY STATION. NORMAL UNIFORM CLOTHING CANNOT BE CLAIMED AS PRO-GEAR, HOWEVER, PRO-GEAR DOES INCLUDES FOUL WEATHER GEAR AND SPECIALIZED CLOTHING SUCH AS DIVING WEAR AND BAND UNIFORMS.

5. TO PERFORM A PERSONALLY PROCURED MOVE (PPM) OF HHG, COUNSELING IS NECESSARY AND A DD FORM 2278 MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICE. THE COUNSELOR WILL CALCULATE INCENTIVE ESTIMATES AND INFORM YOU OF REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS, ESPECIALLY THE NEED TO OBTAIN EMPTY AND FULL WEIGHT TICKETS. IF YOU PERFORM BOTH A PPM AND A GOVERNMENT MOVE, THE INCENTIVE PAID IS BASED ON THE RATE FOR BOTH SHIPMENTS COMBINED. THE MBR MUST ENSURE THAT WEIGHT SCALES ARE OPEN AND AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THEIR MOVE. IF THE MBR CHOOSES TO MOVE WHEN SCALES ARE CLOSED, E.G. WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS, THEN NO INCENTIVE WILL BE PAID. PPM CLAIMS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE REVIEWED BY THE SERVICING

PERSONNEL OFFICE AND SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE FINANCE CENTER FOR SETTLEMENT. IT IS THE MBRS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN COPIES OF THE WEIGHT TICKETS.

WITHOUT WEIGHT TICKETS, ONLY ACTUAL EXPENSES CAN BE REIMBURSED.

ACCESS WEB SITE [HTTP://AFMOVE.HQ.AF.MIL](http://AFMOVE.HQ.AF.MIL) FOR WEIGHT SCALE LOCATIONS AND [HTTP://WWW.FINCEN.USCG.MIL/HHG.HTM](http://WWW.FINCEN.USCG.MIL/HHG.HTM) FOR INFORMATION THAT FINCEN REQUIRES WHEN PROCESSING A PPM CLAIM.

6. WHEN AUTHORIZED TO PERSONALLY PROCURE SHIPMENT OF A POV WITHIN CONUS IAW JFTR, PAR. U5417, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE ORDERS REFLECT THE APPROPRIATE ENTITLEMENT. A COMMON ERROR IS WHERE A MEMBER HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SHIP THE POV, THE DEPENDENTS DRIVE THE SECOND POV, AND THE MEMBER RECEIVES A GTR FOR TRAVEL TO THE NEW PDS. THIS IS NOT AUTHORIZED. THE MEMBER AND DEPENDENTS MUST TRAVEL TOGETHER IN ONE POC. COMMERCIAL TRAVEL AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE FOR THE MEMBER OR DEPENDENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PCS IS NOT AUTHORIZED. REFER TO CG-1222 WEB SITE [HTTP://WWW.USCG.MIL/HQ/G-W/G-WP/G-WPM/G-WPM-2/TRANSPORTATION.HTM](http://WWW.USCG.MIL/HQ/G-W/G-WP/G-WPM/G-WPM-2/TRANSPORTATION.HTM) FOR REIMBURSEMENT EXAMPLES.

7. AFTER DELIVERY OF HHG, IT IS MANDATORY THAT YOU COMPLETE A CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY (CSS) TO RATE THE TSP THAT MOVED THE PERSONAL PROPERTY. A METRICS REPORT COVERING THE LAST 12 MONTHS INDICATES ONLY AN 18 PERCENT CSS RESPONSE RATE FOR THE COAST GUARD.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT MBRS COMPLETE THE CSS TO DOCUMENT POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE PERFORMANCES SINCE THIS WILL AFFECT THE BEST VALUE SCORE (BVS) FOR SHIPMENTS AWARDED TO THE TSP IN THE FUTURE. THE BEST VALUE SCORE IS DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS: 70 PERCENT OF THE BVS IS COMPOSED OF A PERFORMANCE SCORE (50 PERCENT OF THE PERFORMANCE SCORE IS THE CSS, 20 PERCENT IS THE CLAIMS SCORE) AND THE REMAINING 30 PERCENT IS A RATE SCORE. THE CUSTOMER SURVEY PROCESS IS SIMPLE.

MBRS MUST PROVIDE A RELIABLE EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TO THE OUTBOUND TRANSPORTATION COUNSELOR. MBRS MAY USE PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESSES. THE MBR WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL THAT CONTAINS SURVEY ACCESS INFORMATION AND A COMPUTER GENERATED PASSWORD. THE USCG EMPLID NUMBER IS THE CSS LOGIN ID NUMBER. IF A RELIABLE EMAIL ADDRESS WAS NOT PROVIDED AT OUTBOUND COUNSELING, AN EMAIL ADDRESS CAN BE PROVIDED TO THE DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION COUNSELOR TO RECEIVE THE ACCESS INFORMATION. THE SURVEY CAN ONLY BE ACCESSED AFTER DELIVERY OF THE HHG. WITH THE EMPLID AND PASSWORD, THE SURVEY CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE CG FINANCE CENTERS WEB SITE [HTTP://WWW.FINCEN.USCG.MIL/HHG.HTM](http://WWW.FINCEN.USCG.MIL/HHG.HTM) (CLICK ON RATE YOUR HHG MOVER).

8. FULL REPLACEMENT VALUE PROTECTION (FRV) NOW APPLIES TO ALL HHG SHIPMENTS. IT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT SERVICE MEMBERS ARE NOT MISLED BY THE TERM FULL REPLACEMENT VALUE. THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT A MEMBER WOULD RECEIVE THE FULL REPLACEMENT COST FOR EVERY ITEM DESTROYED, DAMAGED OR LOST. THE LIMITATIONS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY LOST, DAMAGED, OR DESTROYED WHILE IN THE CARE OF THE TSP/CARRIER ARE AT LEAST 5,000 DOLLARS PER SHIPMENT OR 4.00 DOLLARS TIMES THE NET WEIGHT OF THE SHIPMENT, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 50,000 DOLLARS. IF ADDITIONAL COVERAGE IS NECESSARY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MEMBER PURCHASE IT FROM A PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANY. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FULL REPLACEMENT VALUE CAN BE FOUND ON THE CG FINANCE CENTER WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WWW.FINCEN.USCG.MIL/HHG.HTM](http://www.fincen.uscg.mil/hhg.htm) OR THE ARMY SURFACE DEPLOYMENT AND DISTRIBUTION COMMAND (SDDC) WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WWW.SDDC.ARMY.MIL/PUBLIC/HOME](http://www.sddc.army.mil/public/home) (CLICK ON PERSONAL PROPERTY/POV AND THEN FULL REPLACEMENT VALUE UNDER QUICK LINKS).

9. COMDT (CG-1222) POC IS CWO JOEY BROWN AT 202-475-5393 OR TONY PEARSON AT 202-475-5368.

10. RDML DANIEL A. NEPTUN, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, SENDS.

11. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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Congrats to:

BM2 Adam Kraft for passing his BM1 EOCT

DC2 Brian L. Mueller for passing his DC1 EOCT

FN Michael D. Angus for passing his DC3 EOCT

Online Education Benefits Survey

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) launched an online survey to gauge the perceived value of military education benefits. The survey focuses on active duty and reserve enlisted personnel in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. The FRA Education Benefits Survey can be accessed directly. In addition, active-duty and reserve personnel are invited to participate in FRA's online discussion regarding military education benefits. Click the "Communities" tab at <http://www.fra.org> and then click the "OnWatch Discussion Area" to add your comments about "Military Education Benefits."

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Z31IUE7bWZfV1PYOMMyegg_3d_3d

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